

said at that time that the Administrator would be the most powerful man in the Statehouse--no checks and balances, we have learned that the hard way. No one seemed to listen in 1965 and now we have an opportunity to make that correction of getting some checks and balances on our money and our operations and I, I would say naturally the Governor would veto it. It removes some powers and as far as appointing a committee. What's a committee? Who's ever turned down an appointment? Who's ever heard of an appointee by the Governor turned down in this body? I haven't. If anyone has, I'd like to hear it, and so, I would certainly hope that we take this opportunity to help making the Administrative Services a more effective body, a more democratic body where that we have checks and balances and I, I think it's one of the finest bills as it sets now that's been introduced in this session. It's very, very necessary and remember, those checks and balances are so important.

PRESIDENT: We are debating the return of LB 452 to select file for a specific amendment. That amendment has been offered by Senator Carpenter. We'll now hear from Senator Mahoney.

SENATOR MAHONEY: Mr. President and Members of the Legislature. I support the amendment that Senator Carpenter's brought to the Legislature this morning. I do so because I feel that we as legislators are caught in the middle of a great battle that has developed between the Executive and the Legislative branch, on one side dating back to 1965, it is our own friend and colleague here, Senator Marvel who brought about this great change in State operations, in State government and he was the father of the Department of Administrative Services. He has worked with it and he's watched it as it has gone along. He's, at the time that he sold us, Senator Nore has mentioned, there are many of us here that were doubting thomases themselves at that time, that possibly that this particular branch of government which is the Legislative branch, should not enter into the prerogatives of the Executive branch and so I say to the members this morning that one of the things I think we can do here is meet that compromise by letting the Executive branch have at least the opportunity to have some selection on the members of this commission. As I said on this floor three weeks ago when we had this bill up for first discussion on general file, in the particular area that Senator Marvel is bringing to us in his opposition against the Carpenter amendment is that he wants this Legislature to go completely into the realm of running State Government. If we want the Governor to become a ribbonier, a ceremonial-only type of executive, then we are admitting to the people of this state that this Legislature wants to run all state government and then we have only one part left then probably we will start in running the courts. We are now in this bill here and I ask you to open your minds, open your minds, and Senator Luedtke, I hope, you should listen to this little portion here. This would be most important because I don't think that the particular job of this Legislature is to be over telling the Executive branch how to run the day to day operation of state government. I think we should accept this amendment and this is the place that the Legislature can get itself back on track. I think that Senator Marvel, when he said he's a soft sell merchant, I don't agree with that. He's soft with his voice and soft with his penmanship, but he's a hard merchant to deal with. Senator Marvel, like Senator Mahoney at times, must have his way. In this bill here, Senator Marvel is thanking all of you and patting us all on the back and saying he loves your cooperation. He wants you to walk down the primrose path and he wants you to help take away the Executive powers from the Governor. Please don't do this because if you do it, it'll show again for the people of Nebraska, the people that elect you and the Governor and it'll further prove that this Legislature has only one scheme in mind and that is to bring vengeance and revenge against the Executive part of government. I think this compromise is good, it's solid. I compliment